AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 17, with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention relates in addition to the active materials comprising ~~the the the~~ said insertion compounds, such as positive electrode active materials.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 21, with the following replacement paragraph:

Finally, the invention relates to the devices comprising ~~the the~~ said compounds and/or active materials, such as, for example, electrochromic devices and batteries.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 7, line 24, with the following replacement paragraph:

This aim and still others are achieved, in accordance with the invention, by a process for the preparation of an insertion compound of an alkali metal in which the following successive stages are carried out:

a) an organic complex of a transition metal or of a mixture of transition metals M in an oxidation state of greater than 2 is brought into contact with an alkali metal A in the ionic form, and with an entity of formula $H_b(XO_4)$, where X is chosen from Si, S, Al, P, Ge, As or Mo and b has a value from 0 to 5, in a liquid medium in a closed chamber; the chamber is brought to a temperature T which makes possible the decomposition of the organic complex in ~~the the~~ said liquid medium;

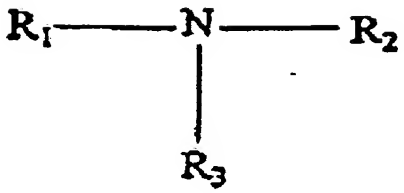
b) the temperature and the pressure in the chamber are brought back to ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure and the insertion compound of an alkali metal of formula $AMXO_4$, in which M is in the +2 oxidation state, is recovered.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 10, line 32, with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention also relates to a positive electrode comprising [[the]] said active material, to the battery comprising ~~the the~~ said electrode and to an electrochromic device comprising the compound according to the invention or prepared by the process according to the invention.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 12, line 20, with the following replacement paragraph:

Advantageously, according to the invention, ~~the the~~ said ligand is chosen from organic compounds of formula:



that is to say, form organic compounds comprising a nitrile functional group. In the above formula, at least one from R_1, R_2 and R_3 comprises at least one oxygen atom.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 13, line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

A preferred example of ~~the the~~ said ligand is nitrilotriacetic acid of formula $N(CH_2CO_2H)_3$ or ethylenedioxyethylenedinitriletetraacetic acid (known as EGTA).

Please replace paragraph starting at page 13, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

~~The the said~~ Said organic complex is preferably prepared in a stage prior to stage a) by bringing a salt of the metal M, in the oxidation state of greater than 2, into contact with an organic compound in a liquid medium.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 13, line 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

~~The the said~~ Said organic compound preferably corresponds to the formula: described above.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 14, line 30, with the following replacement paragraph:

This contacting operation takes place in a liquid medium. ~~The the said~~ Said liquid medium is generally the same as that used for the optional preliminary stage of synthesis of the organic complex.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 19, line 20, with the following replacement paragraph:

~~The the said~~ Said polymer binder is generally chosen from fluoropolymers, elastomers and cellulose compounds.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 20, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention relates in addition to a battery, such as a lithium battery, comprising ~~the the~~ said positive electrode.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 20, line 10, with the following replacement paragraph:

Such a battery generally comprises, in addition to ~~the the~~ said positive electrode, a negative electrode, a separator and an electrolyte. The negative electrode can be made of a material generally chosen from lithium metal, lithium alloys or carbon. Preferably, the negative electrode is based on $Li_4Ti_5O_{12}$.